

In re Patent Application of:  
**SANCHES ET AL.**  
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REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the present application. Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for correctly indicating as allowable the subject matter of dependent Claims 22-26, 29-30, 34-36, 39-40, 43-45, 48-49, 53-55 and 58-59.

The independent claims have been amended to include allowable subject matter to place the application in condition for allowance. Independent Claim 20 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 22. Independent Claim 31 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 36. Independent Claim 41 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 43. Independent Claim 50 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 55.

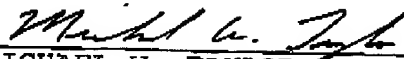
Dependent Claims 22, 36, 43 and 55 have been cancelled, and certain claim dependencies have been changed accordingly. The recitation of "parallelism" in the claims has been changed to simply "parallel." In addition, the title has been changed to be more specific as requested by the Examiner.

In view of the claim amendments provided herein, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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